

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilmen McGowan entered the meeting after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Bridges reported the following:

- The Area Plan Commission granted secondary plat approval for Rush Renewable Energy.
- Thursday is the annual Boys and Girls Club banquet if anyone has not turned in their reservation please do so right away.
- Informed Council of the passing of former Councilman Goins' brother, David. Donations for memorials are for the Booker T. Washington Center and can be given at City Hall.
- Welcomed News Reporter, Elizabeth Gist.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley informed Council that the State Board of Accounts is now auditing the City for 2004 and 2005.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

Pavey said they are seeking sponsors for the summer concert series and have met the half way mark. He said if anyone knew of someone who would like to sponsor the concerts to let him know.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge handed out a monthly report.

Fudge asked Council for approval of a credit card from a local bank to allow purchases over the internet. Sheehan moved to approve the Clerk-Treasurer getting a credit card from a local bank for use by each department. Each department would have a maximum charge of \$1,000.00. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fudge said the traffic safety committee will be meeting regarding the residential parking near the high school.

Animal Control - Hill passed out his monthly report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Ordinance 2006-3 Annexation of Rush Renewable Energy – Fields made a motion to approve Ordinance 2006-3. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Gas Bids – Only one gas bid was received. The bid was from Ag One:

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| 92 octane | 2.059 | 89 octane | 1.959 |
| 87 octane | 1.889 | diesel @ station | 2.049 |
| diesel delivered | 2.199 | | |

Sheehan made a motion to accept the bid of Ag One with a 14 cent maximum contract. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2006-7 – Sheehan made a motion to approve the resolution adding monies back to appropriations. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Quotes Overhead Door – Three quotes were received for an overhead door and an entry door at the animal shelter. They were as follows:

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| 1. | Bowles Construction | \$3,678.72 | (2 entry doors/wrap in aluminum) |
| 2. | Truster Buildings | \$1,877.00 | |
| 3. | D.O. Corn | \$1,940.00 | (offer to deduct \$400.00 for used overhead door) |

Byrne moved to approve the bid from Truster Buildings. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Petfinder.com – Jaimie Glandon explained the program known as petfinder.com that she is willing to assist the City with. McGowan made a motion to proceed with the program. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clothing Allowance/IRS Regulations – Copley requested guidance from Council regarding police and fire clothing allowance and compliance with the IRS. The IRS requires clothing allowance to be taxed and the City has not done so. Fields made a motion to run the clothing allowance through the payroll on a quarterly basis in order to comply with the IRS regulations. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Indiana Testing/Random Drug Testing – The Board of Works approved the quote from Indiana Testing for the Police Department. Byrne asked what happens if someone tests positive. Bridges said the City would offer treatment.

Fiber Update – Randy Frye came before Council to ask what their intentions were on Phase II of the fiber project. He said he needs to know the Cities' intentions with Blue River Telecom. Sheehan stated that he stands behind Blue River, but wants to know who will run this. Will it be a utility? Frye said Blue River is willing to do whatever the City wants them to do. If the City wants Blue River to run this they will.

Frye offered the following 3 options to reduce the cost of the project:

1. eliminate 2 distributions huts for a total cost of \$655,129.00
(Blue River is willing to lease or loan \$200,000.00 at 9% interest)
2. Have only 1 distribution hut located at Conrad Harcourt Way for a cost of \$425,160.00.
3. Use dark fiber from downtown to Intat for a cost of \$299,185.00.

Byrne said we need to know if this has to be bid out. He also wanted to know why this has become an issue with the County.

Pavey made a motion to proceed with the project with Blue River if it is legal. He asked that Blue River get something in writing from the businesses to confirm their intent to purchase the fiber. Depending on the level of involvement will depend on which option and how it will be funded. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Fields made a motion to approve the claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan thanked everyone for their participation in Dan Sheehan's retirement party.

There was no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER